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In the application of: Eldridge et al.

Application No.: 09/746,960

Filing Date: December 21, 2000

For: ELECTRICAL CONTACT STRUCTURES
FORMED BY CONFIGURING A FLEXIBLE
WIRE TO HAVE A SPRINGABLE SHAPE
AND OVERCOATING THE WIRE WITH AT
LEAST ONE LAYER OF A RESILIENT
CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL, METHODS OF
MOUNTING THE CONTACT
STRUCTURES TO ELECTRONIC
COMPONENTS, AND APPLICATIONS
FOR EMPLOYING THE CONTACT
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. The Examiner is requested to initial and return the attached Form PTO/SB/08A in accordance with MPEP §609.

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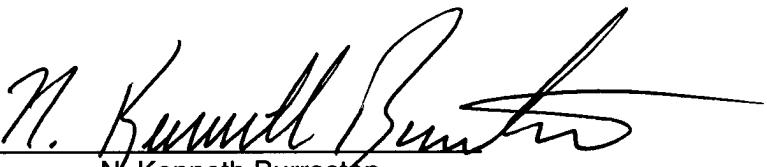
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